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Man dead after hunting accident

ACCIDENT A 60-year-old Calgary man is dead after a tragic hunting accident Monday morning.

A pair of hunters had been staying with relatives about 70 km north of Westlock, and were hunting deer in the thick brush.

Around 9:30 a.m., the men saw deer in a treed area off in the distance.

One of the men walked into the trees to search for the deer, and was shot by his 81-year-old hunting partner who stayed behind in the field.

When the man realized what happened, he ran to a neighbouring farm for help.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the incident.

No charges have been laid at this point, but the investigation is ongoing. Westlock RCMP will be discussing the incident with Crown prosecutors to determine whether charges are appropriate.

The victim's family members are devastated, said Westlock RCMP Sgt. Bryan Clayton. At their request, the name of the victim is being withheld. **METRO EDMONTON**



U.S. President-elect Senator Barack Obama stands with his wife Michelle and their daughters Malia and Sasha as they face supporters at his election night rally after being declared the winner of the 2008 U.S. Presidential Campaign in Chicago, last night.

'Change has come'

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Democrat Barack Obama captured the White House yesterday after an extraordinary two-year campaign, defeating Republican John McCain to make history as the first black U.S. president.

Obama will be sworn in as the 44th U.S. president Jan. 20, 2009 and will face a crush of immediate challenges, from tackling an economic crisis to ending the war in Iraq and trying to

Election USA

overhaul the U.S. health care system.

The win by Obama, son of a black father from Kenya and white mother from Kansas, marked a milestone in U.S. history. It came 45 years after the height of the civil rights movement led by Martin Luther King.

"It's been a long time coming, but tonight, be-

cause of what we did on this day, at this defining moment, change has come to America," Obama, 47, told 125,000 ecstatic supporters gathered in Chicago's Grant Park to celebrate.

"The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even one term, but America — I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there," he said.

Prime Minister Harper issued a statement saying, "I look forward to meeting with the President-elect so that we can continue to strengthen the special bond that exists between Canada and the United States."

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Europe trip comes first for Stelmach

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ECONOMY Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach says it is of "paramount importance" to skip out on next week's first ministers meeting on the impacts of the world financial crisis — and stick with his already planned European trade mission.

"I made a commitment, that's where I am going," said an angry Stelmach after

being asked by reporters about the trip during media availability yesterday.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper called the meeting with provincial leaders for three hours next Monday to discuss a strategy on Canada's economy.

But Stelmach will begin a 10-day trip this Friday to sell oil from Alberta's oil-sands to investors in Britain, Germany and the Netherlands.

Alberta Liberal Leader Kevin Taft says Stelmach is making a mistake when provincial leaders are looking to Alberta's economic leadership for support.

The premier says his European mission will be a chance to talk to investors over the inaccuracies about Alberta's oil-sands, a key part of Canada's economy.

"I made a commitment, that's where I'm going."

Premier Ed Stelmach



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Help coming for Aboriginals

In reaction to the province's fledgling forestry industry, rural and remote Aboriginal communities and Metis settlements in economic despair will be getting a helping hand from the province. More than \$4 million will be divvied up over the next three years to create new jobs and foster Aboriginal participation in Alberta's workforce. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Twitchell friends say allegations are false

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Friends of accused killer Mark Twitchell are insistent that the allegations against him are false, and that there's no way that a man in the prime of his life could be capable of a brutal murder.

Twitchell is a 29-year-old indie filmmaker from St. Albert, who was recently married, and has an infant daughter.

Police allege that the young man murdered 38-year-old Johnny Altinger, acting out a scene from a freshly inked script he'd written for a film dubbed "House of Cards." The plot: a man is lured from an Internet dating site to a garage, tied to a chair, and chopped to pieces.

"Mark is a very non-violent person, with no temper to speak of, and an aversion to conflict, yelling, or physical violence," said friend and colleague Mike Young. "In all the long hours we've put



Police tape guards a garage in Mill Woods where police allege the murder of Johnny Altinger took place.

in together, and the many years we've spent together, there has never been a hint, a glimpse, even the slightest possibility, that Mark has it in him to even throw a punch, let alone kill a human being."

Young's sentiments are echoed by scores of Twitchell's friends and acquaintances, all of whom are shocked at his arrest. A belief runs among the widespread group that he's been caught in a case of mistaken identity.

"He is at a great point in his life, one which someone would have to be an absolute idiot to screw up

with an act like this," Young said.

"When I heard it, I didn't really believe it, and I still don't," said friend Galen Pendleton.

Local criminologist Bill Pitt feels the act may have been videotaped, and that its recovery would hold the key to a murder conviction.

Altinger's body has not been found, but police believe there is enough forensic evidence for a conviction.

Twitchell makes his first court appearance today. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Construction Art Gallery



Construction workers brave the heights several stories above Churchill Square while working on the Art Gallery of Alberta yesterday afternoon. Construction is scheduled to be complete a year from now and the gallery should be open for exhibitions in early 2010.

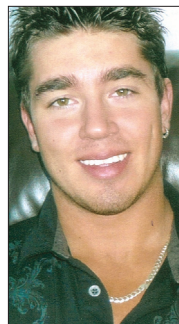
Search effort for Koshman widens with help of dogs

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LOST Search efforts are widening to find a man who wandered off in a south side neighbourhood on Oct. 11 and simply vanished.

An independent non-profit group, Canadian Search and Disaster Dogs Association (CASDDA), has offered to lend a hand in searching for the missing 21-year-old.

Dylan Koshman wandered away from his home on 104th Street and 33rd Avenue after an argument with his cousins.



Dylan Koshman

Searches in the river valley by police, volunteers, and family members have turned up no sign of the man.

"The problem is, especially given the state he was in when he left, it's quite possible that he got picked up by somebody or had an altercation with a different group," said Richard Lee, CASDDA rescuer.

His family is confident the strong, talented young man was not suicidal, and that he may have been the victim of foul play.

Search efforts are currently being coordinated between the group and the Koshman family.

"It is possible that he is alive, but with the cold weather, it really reduces the chances."

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What's online today.

U.S. Election Coverage

Thousands gather at Obama rally in Chicago; a movie star encounters problems at the polls; why one Democrat thinks Obama will be his party's Bush; final results and more at metronews.ca/uselection.



Claws are out after cats left behind

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EVICTED An animal rescue agency is claiming that Edmonton's sanctioned humane society passed the buck when dozens of cats needed to be rescued from a derelict trailer park last week.

Evicted residents who were packing up and leaving the park on 111 Avenue and 153 Street put out a call for help last

week, alerting animal control officials that many cats had been left behind.

Initially, the Edmonton Humane Society responded to the emergency situation and left food for the animals, but didn't take any in to the shelter.

"We were doing what we felt was the responsible thing to do," said Humane Society spokeswoman Shawna Randolph. "Some of the owners might have come back for their cats."

Local animal rescue

Bylaws

Neither the Humane Society or Animal Control have an obligation to trap stray cats. While bylaws are in place to capture dogs, there are none for stray cats

groups, which spearheaded initiatives to rescue almost 50 stray cats, say the group was merely shifting responsibility.

"Come on, those owners

aren't coming back. They are gone," said Hervey Foundation for Cats owner, Marjorie Hervey. "It's unbelievable what (owners) did to those poor animals, leaving them out there to freeze and starve to death. I know, though, that some of those people are practically homeless themselves."

Randolph said the society didn't rescue any of the animals because picking up stray cats isn't in its mandate.

Lion King roaring into Edmonton this summer

The Lion King, Disney's popular musical, has been confirmed for a month-long run this summer at the Jubilee Auditorium July 2 to Aug. 2. Opening night in Edmonton is Saturday, July 4 with preview performances starting Thursday, July 2. **METRO EDMONTON**

Safety makeover for school buses

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All school buses in the province must be highly visible with brighter lights, Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette announced yesterday, but don't expect to see seatbelts onboard the vehicles anytime soon.

Under a new, 10-point action plan by the province to improve school bus safety, all drivers must now go

through mandatory training and companies must improve hiring practices for drivers.

The plan comes after Premier Ed Stelmach called for an independent review in wake of a pair of fatal bus crashes — in Calgary and Rimbey — that led to charges against both drivers, including a dump truck operator.

"School buses are already among the safest vehicles in our roads and we want to keep them that way," said

Action plan spurred by crash fatalities

- Jennifer Dawn Noble, 17, was killed in a bus near Rimbey in April when the vehicle's back end was ripped apart after a gravel truck struck it and

Ouellette.

The province will also spend \$7.5 million to improve the visibility of school buses by fitting them with amber and strobe lighting.

The independent review, however, suggested against

- A nine-year-old girl in Calgary was killed on a busy freeway during a morning commute last year.

the use of seatbelts on the buses since the design of the bus seats, combined with the use of the belts, could put kids at risk.

"You must have a design to know that the person is safe at all times," said Ouel-

lette. "It's really tough to have somebody running back and forth checking that kids would be keeping their seatbelts on."

Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti, a medical professor at the University of Alberta, says kids need to be harnessed anytime they are transported.

"If you take a look at the number of bus crashes that are happening, it's a lot higher than what people think it is," said Francescutti in an interview in April.

Woman shot from outside her home

WOUND A 42-year-old woman was hit with a shotgun blast through her apartment window Monday.

The woman was watching TV around 6 p.m., when a man crept to a ground floor window. He fired one shotgun round into the suite, hitting the woman in the upper leg.

Police believe the suspect fled in a red Ford Tempo with a luggage rack. He is a native man, around 18, with a slim build, possibly named "Jordan" or "Gordon." **METRO EDMONTON**

Farmfair The 'Ultra' experience



Corissa Voss, 13, left, and Becky Corfe, 15, spend some quiet time with "Ultra" yesterday at Farmfair International 2008 at the AgriCom. Farmfair runs in conjunction with the Canadian Finals Rodeo this week. Rodeo action gets under way tonight at Rexall.

Foreign workers head back to Maple Leaf

DEAL Nearly 100 foreign workers who have been shut out of their jobs for over a month filed back into a local plant yesterday.

Over the weekend, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union came to an agreement with Maple Leaf Poultry, but by a thin margin. Only 58 per cent of workers voted in favour of

the new deal, which doesn't give them salary parity with competitor companies.

"People are here, and they're happy," said union representative Jack Westgeest, from outside the east end plant yesterday. "I don't think they're enamoured by the deal, but they're acceptant of the fact they were able to move Maple Leaf off

their last position."

Though a better starting wage is included in the new three-year contract, the maximum rate isn't as high as employees were asking.

Union officials and management will discuss options for more efficient and longer clean-up time within 60 days. **VICTORIA HANDSIDES/**

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Aboriginal leaders in Saskatchewan are calling for a public inquiry into the deaths of First Nations people who have been shot by police. The call comes in the wake of last week's coroner's inquest into the 2006 death of Delbert Pelletier, which some family members said left questions unanswered. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Manley out of leadership race

Former deputy prime minister John Manley, left, will not run in the upcoming Liberal leadership race, he said in a statement yesterday. Last week, Manley openly considered tossing his hat into the ring, but expressed uncertainty about entering what would be his second leadership contest. In a letter sent to colleagues and supporters, Manley said he "consulted broadly" with family and friends and was "greatly moved" by the offers of support and financial help.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Another look finds 20-vote win

Longest recount in Canadian history confirms Vancouver MP's victory

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

Former B.C. premier Ujjal Dosanjh recaptured what many thought was the safest federal Liberal seat in B.C. with a mere 20 votes over Tory Wai Young in the Vancouver South riding, a second judicial recount found yesterday.

The result, 21 days after the Oct. 14 federal election, is the longest recount in Canadian history.

"I obviously didn't think it would be this close," said Dosanjh outside an Elections Canada office on Southwest Marine Drive in

Vancouver. "We felt — as everybody else felt in the province — that we had the safest seat in the province for the Liberals."

The 20-vote victory is a far cry from the 9,000-vote margin that Dosanjh beat Conservative Tarlok Sablok in 2006. Young saw her margin of defeat shrink from 779 votes on election night to 33 votes and then to 22 after the first judicial recount. Young said she was proud she had closed the 9,000-vote gap.

"Justice has been done today, democracy has been upheld because every vote has been counted," said Young.



Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh speaks with reporters outside an Elections Canada office in South Vancouver after a second judicial recount confirmed his victory by 20 votes.

Quebec aims for balanced budgets

FINANCES Quebec's minority Liberal government said yesterday it would maintain balanced budgets in 2008-09 and 2009-10, despite the global financial crisis, and promised the province would avoid a recession.

Minister Monique Jerome-Forget also forecast there would be an election soon. Premier Jean Charest is widely expected to trigger an election campaign today for a Dec. 8 vote.

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Monique Jerome-Forget



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Ontario calls on MPs to fight for province

ECONOMY Stung by Ontario's plunge into "have-not" status, the provincial Liberal government is blaming MPs from all parties for not doing enough to help Canada's one-time economic titan.

One day after the ignominious revelation that Ontario is now among Canada's poor provinces qualifying for \$347 million in federal equalization handouts for the first time, the province's Finance Minister Dwight Duncan was in fighting form.

"We have 106 federal members, we need to have them start standing up for Ontario," Duncan complained yesterday.

"We need a federal partner and we're not seeing that."

Duncan said, adding the Conservatives in Ottawa are "completely clued out."

Duncan revealed a fortnight ago that Ontario is running a \$500-million budget deficit.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Judge to subpoena RCMP officers

TASER The RCMP officers involved in the Tasing incident of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski will be subpoenaed to appear at the inquiry into his death, the hearing's judge announced yesterday.

Justice Thomas Braidwood said he won't allow any more delays into the start of the inquiry's second phase — which has been pushed back twice to Jan. 19 — regardless of whether the Crown has decided to charge the officers.

METRO CANADA

News in brief

SECURITY Environment Canada has admitted someone in the department broke the government's security policy in allowing a sensitive document to be left on the side of an Ottawa street last summer, CBC News has learned.

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President Bush called Democrat Barack Obama last night to congratulate him on winning the presidential election, the White House said, adding that Bush invited him and his family to visit to the White House soon. **REUTERS**

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Harper's statement

"I look forward to meeting with the President-elect so that we can continue to strengthen the special bond that exists between Canada and the United States," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday following Obama's win.

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Full plate of issues awaits new leader

ELECTION Newly-elected U.S. president Barack Obama will face a daunting array of foreign policy challenges, from wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the global financial crisis to the need to shore up the country's frayed international image.

While taxes, health care and the economy all played a role in the campaign before Tuesday's vote, national security issues such as the Iranian nuclear standoff and Middle East peace are likely to remain near the top of the agenda when Obama takes office from President Bush on Jan. 20.

"The mantra for the next administration has to be, 'Be careful what you wish for because you just might get it,'" said James Lindsay, who was a foreign policy aide to President Bill Clinton and is now with the University of Texas, Austin.

"The new president-elect is going to have a full foreign policy inbox and decisions to make with enormous consequences for American security," added Lindsay.

REUTERS



U.S. presidential nominee Senator Barack Obama supporters cheer and embrace each other after hearing that Ohio would be called for Obama while watching 2008 election results in Times Square, New York.

A nation stands united

African Americans celebrate historic presidential victory

In churches and bars, on the street and in private homes, African Americans celebrated the historic victory of Democrat Barack Obama in the U.S. presidential race with cheers and tears Tuesday.

"This is definitely history in the making," said elementary school teacher Sheneka Mayes, 32, in Atlanta. "This night will be burned into my memory and into the memory of my children."

In Chicago's Grant Park, tens of thousands of Obama supporters erupted into cheers at the victory while they waited for him to appear. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights leader who had twice

History of other black governors

- Pinckney Pinchback: served as Republican governor of Louisiana for 35 days in 1872
- Douglas Wilder: a Democrat, he served one term as governor of Virginia from 1990.
- Deval Patrick: was elected Democratic governor of Massachusetts in 2006.
- David Paterson: became Democratic governor in March when Eliot Spitzer resigned

sought the Democratic nomination, stood in the throng, tears streaming down his cheeks.

Thousands watched a giant screen in New York's Times Square. Thousands more watched a big screen set up on 125th street in Harlem, New York, dubbed the unofficial capital of black America.

In Atlanta, a crowd held a candlelight vigil at the

tomb of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, setting the election firmly in the context of the movement in the 1950s and 1960s to end racial segregation and win the right to vote for black Americans in the South.

At King's old church, Ebenezer Baptist, deafening cheers greeted the announcement of Obama's victory. Thousands had

awaited the results listening to thumping gospel music from a choir dressed in black and watching two giant TV screens scrolling results on CNN.

After several minutes of celebration, Pastor Raphael Warnock quieted the crowd and prayed:

"On the night before King was assassinated, he said: 'I have been to the mountain top, I have looked over and I have seen the promised land. I may not get there with you,'" said Warnock in a quote from one of King's most famous speeches.

"Tonight we have seized the promise of America," Warnock said.

REUTERS

Chinese greet Obama win with caution

POLITICS China welcomed Barack Obama as a youthful president-elect with the energy to tackle the financial crisis now threatening their economy and an ethnic heritage that could help America reach out to the rest of the world.

Excitement about the billion dollar race filtered down to the streets of Beijing yesterday, where ordinary Chinese citizens who have never voted

Bush

themselves and some who could not even name the candidates embraced Obama's message of change. It is seen by many as having a generally positive approach to ties across the Pacific.

But gathering economic storm clouds, which threaten to undermine decades of rapid growth, made the economic stance of the next leader of the United States as much of a priority abroad as it was to domestic voters.

"Most Chinese like Obama because we consider ourselves allied with the Third World. But Obama may be more ideological and that could be less good for China in terms of trade," said Wang Hongtao, studying for a doctorate at the Central Party School in Beijing. **REUTERS**



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Homeland hero Obama celebrated

Kenyans in Barack Obama's ancestral homeland prayed for victory yesterday and relatives prepared to roast a bull in celebration if he becomes the first African-American president of the United States. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Who won? Who cares?

Economy solid anyway: Stelmach

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The outcome of the U.S. election won't hinder Alberta's oil-rich economy, even through tough economic times, said Premier Ed Stelmach.

Stelmach says both leaders have talked about removing their reliance on oil from troubled countries in the Middle East and he believes America's next president will be looking to Alberta for its energy needs more than ever before.

Even after Barack Obama's campaign team vowed to end America's reliance on "dirty oil" sources, Stelmach says he still believes Alberta's oil-sands sector will thrive.

"I don't think it will matter with either presidential candidate."

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach

"I don't think it will matter with either presidential candidate," said Stelmach.

Alberta Liberal Leader Kevin Taft, on the other hand, says that won't be the case as the U.S. will move to a "post-carbon economy" after yesterday's election.

"Once America sets its mind on a course to break free of a carbon-dependent economy, nothing is going to stop them," said Taft.

"It makes Alberta vulnerable."

Puerto Rican governor, facing fraud charges, loses soundly

RESULT With election fraud charges hanging over his head, Puerto Rico Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila was beaten soundly in his re-election bid yesterday.

The 46-year-old governor from the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party, who was indicted this year on campaign fund-raising charges, lost the leadership of the U.S. Caribbean territory to Luis Fortuno of the pro-statehood New Progressive Party.

Fortuno opened up a comfortable 10-point lead

in early returns and held it until Acevedo Vila conceded the race four hours after polls closed. A 10-point margin is a landslide in Puerto Rico, where the electorate is evenly split between people who favour the island's current commonwealth status and those who want full U.S. statehood.

"We always knew it was going to be an uphill struggle but we knew we had to do what was right for Puerto Rico," Acevedo Vila told his supporters. **REUTERS**

Eight years later: The Bush administration's legacy

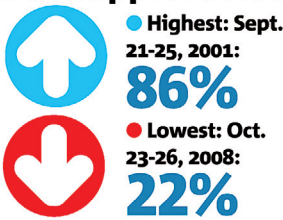
As the U.S. prepares to bid farewell to George W. Bush, his eight-year administration has brought an increased budget deficit, the dollar far lower against other currencies, his approval ratings plummeting and support for the Iraq war ebbing away. **METRO**

THE ECONOMY

	2000	2008
● Unemployment	4 percent (average)	5.4 percent (average) ↑
● Federal budget deficit	SURPLUS of \$230 billion	DEFICIT of \$455 billion (as of October 15) ↑
● Inflation	3.38% (average)	5% (average) ↑
● Currency rate	Jan. 20, 2000: (first day of Bush presidency): \$1 = 0.65 (U.K. Sterling), 1.01 (Euro)	Oct. 31, 2008: \$1 = 0.62 (U.K. Sterling), 0.79 (Euro) ↓

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Bush approval ratings



Seats in Congress

2001: Senate: 50 Democrats, 50 Republicans; House: 212 D, 221 R, 2 Independents
2003: Senate: 49 D, 51 R; House: 204 D, 229 R, 1 I
2005: Senate: 45 D, 55 R; House: 202 D, 232 R, 1 I
2007: Senate: 51 D, 49 R; House: 233 D, 202 R

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Iraq War:

● **Should the U.S. have invaded Iraq?**

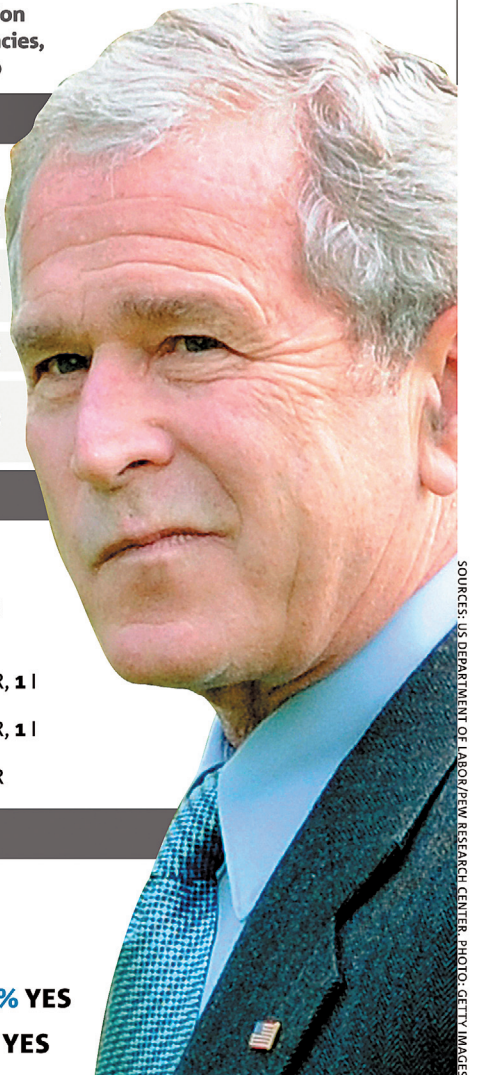
March 2003: **72%** say YES, **22%** say NO

Feb. 2008: **38%** say YES, **54%** say NO

● **Should U.S. withdraw troops?**

March 2003: **64%** NO, **32%** YES

Feb. 2008: **47%** NO, **49%** YES



SOURCES: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR/PEW RESEARCH CENTER. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

Historic election stirs homeless to vote

VOTERS Frederick Williams, a Marine Corps veteran scraping by on unemployment benefits, describes his living situation as "not homeless but close to it" and says he never cared enough to vote — until yesterday.

At age 43, Williams shuffled into a Los Angeles homeless shelter carrying his worldly belongings in a small travel case and a

knotted plastic bag and proudly cast the first ballot of his life with guidance from poll workers.

Williams said he voted for Barack Obama, whose message of hope and bid to become the first black president of the United States stirred him like no other politician.

"This is history in the making. I wanted to be part of that," said Wil-

iams, who lives in a transient hotel a few blocks from the polling station at the Los Angeles Mission.

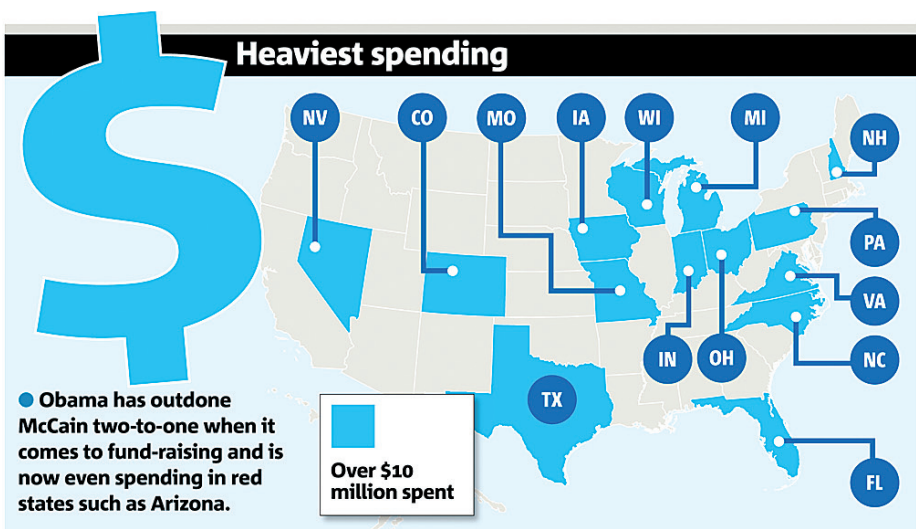
Williams was one of hundreds of people — many first-time voters lacking permanent dwellings — who cast ballots this year on Skid Row, a 50-block downtown area believed to harbor the highest concentration of homeless in the United States.

Those voters represent a fraction of the estimated 12,000 people who live and sleep on the streets of that area. Many are mentally ill or suffer from substance abuse.

But Orlando Ward, spokesman for the nearby Midnight Mission, said the numbers turning out yesterday were unprecedented.

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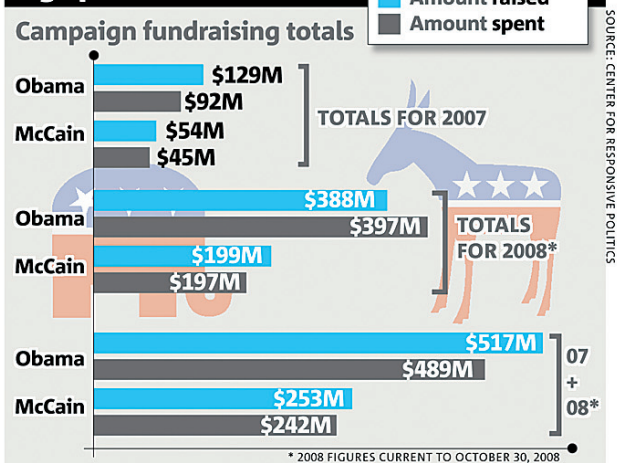
Obama led McCain in election spending



NEW YORK. We knew this was going to be an expensive election when Federal Election Commission officials argued that for any candidate to be taken seriously in the 2008 election, he or she would have to have raised at least \$100 million by the end of 2007.

Now, after candidates, particularly on the Democratic side, have continuously broken fundraising records, the combined amount raised and spent has broken the \$1 billion mark. Here's a look at who got what and where it went. **METRO**

Big spenders



Comment & Views

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Maybe it's time to pull plug on Tasers

The WestView

Paul Sullivan

Journalist & media consultant

A guy in Calgary died Monday after being Tasered by police during a break-in.

A few days before that, a man in Edmonton died after police subdued him with a Taser while he was allegedly wreaking havoc at a pawn shop.

In Canada more than 20

people have died after being Tasered since use began in 1999; yet officials resist calls for a moratorium while we study this, uh, shocking trend. The latest assurance was issued by Alberta's solicitor general Fred Lindsay after the Edmonton death ... two days before the Calgary death.

"I believe the Taser is a tool that's been used very effectively and in a lot of cases has prevented death," said Lindsay. Is it just me, or do his words ring hollow, bookended by Taser-related fatalities three days apart?

And lest we forget, it was just over a year ago when the RCMP set off a Taser-re-

"If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis."

lated international incident. Polish traveller Robert Dziekanski, freaking out after spending 10 hours trapped in the Vancouver airport trying to find his mother was Tasered after he began throwing the furniture around. He died too. The Polish government summoned the Canadian ambassador looking for answers. Like the rest of us, Poland is still waiting.

Amnesty International recommends a time out

while we study these things further. By its count, more than 290 people have died in North America after being Tasered. And it's not even considered a weapon in the USA; you can Taser people who are annoying. By that criterion, I'd deploy mine 50-100 times a day.

While Tasers are a restricted weapon in Canada, police argue that they have saved 4,000 lives since they began using them in 1999. And as targets of the Taser

are usually dangerous individuals in the middle of a psychotic episode or drug-induced frenzy, they're not so easy to subdue — yet they obviously have to be subdued. Public safety depends on it ... I think.

Okay, but watch the video of the Dziekanski incident. You're left with the uneasy feeling that the four officers surrounding the agitated man really didn't need to Taser him repeatedly — as many as four times, according to witnesses. An alternative might have been to find a Polish-speaking translator to try and calm the man down. There remains a lingering suspi-

cion that the officers applied the "annoying" criterion, and while the rules of engagement are still not clear, "annoying" just isn't good enough.

I'll leave you with this electrifying proposal: If Alberta's solicitor general thinks Tasers are safe, he should step up and take a shot or two in order to prove his thesis. Failing that, he should show some leadership and pull the plug before someone else dies while being "subdued."

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Election USA

Word on the street: What do you think of Barack Obama as president?

Burke MacLean

age 32, Edmonton

A: Yes, in some aspects Obama will make a good leader. He will change the party, and he's younger and has new and different ideas.



Danielle Hrdlicka

age 21, Edmonton

A: He will get the States in more debt than what it currently is in now.



Jamie Ho

age 27, Edmonton

A: He'll change things and I think he will make things better, but you never know.



Mark Coleman

age 38, Toronto

A: Obama would make a better president. In light of what's going on in Afghanistan and Iraq, I think Barack is more in line with current society's standards and changes.



Michelle Lowe

age 34, Toronto

A: Obama's policies just seem more socially acceptable. I don't like McCain. He would be too conservative.



Ryan Steeles

age 22, Ottawa

A: It's going to be hard to live up to the hype. Even though he's a great candidate and a great person. I don't think that he's going to live up to the expectations.



Sherilyn Sutton

age 26, Calgary

A: I think it's awesome because the republicans have spent the last eight years destroying America.



Maryam Mumayiz

age 19, Edmonton

A: I absolutely love Barack Obama as president. I just don't believe in anything McCain.



Shahriar Ahmad

age 26, Vancouver

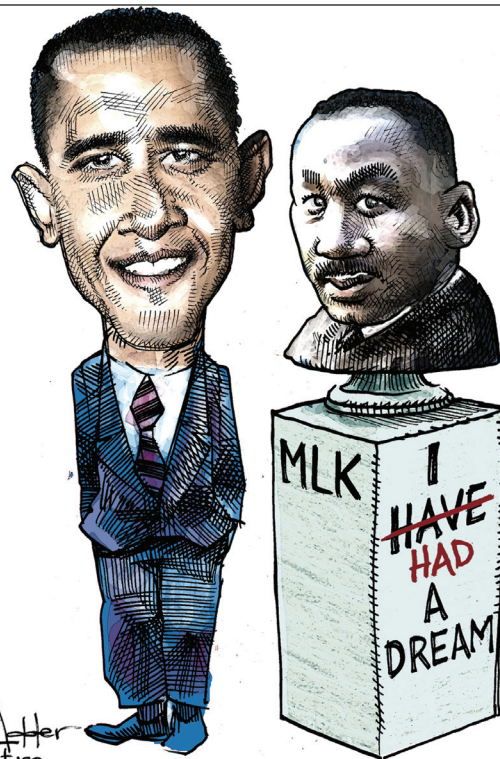
A: Considering the options, I'm very, very pleased. U.S. foreign policy is a very difficult thing to reverse.



Fatima Casadei

age 27, Vancouver

A: I think it's about time! I think it's time for a change and it needs to happen and I hope that it does.



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Average gas prices drop below \$1 a litre

The national average for a litre of gas hovered around 98 cents before noon yesterday, according to Gasbuddy.com. The drop signalled that overall, prices are dropping and stabilizing, said MP and gas expert Dan McTeague. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Business

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TSX up with commodity prices

MARKETS The Toronto Stock Exchange's main index climbed 4 per cent yesterday to 10,116.58, to its highest close in two weeks as resource issues surged with rising commodity prices, and on relief that the uncertainty of the U.S. presidential election would be over.

Heavily weighted stocks that helped to push the market higher included Canadian Natural Resources, up 9 per cent at \$62.70, and Barrick Gold, which got an 10.1 per cent boost to close at \$28.97.

Those rises were in line with the broader strength in the key energy and materials sectors, which led the market higher, posting rises of 5.9 per cent and 10.2 per cent, respectively.

REUTERS

Japan A new No. 1 electronics maker

Panasonic



People walk past an advertisement board of Panasonic outside an electronic shop in Tokyo yesterday. Shares in Panasonic Corp. jumped nearly 5 per cent yesterday, after sources said it planned to buy smaller rival Sanyo Electric Co. Ltd. to create Japan's largest electronics maker.

Business in brief

FUNDS Canadian investors were spooked in October as dismal stock markets prompt-

ed redemptions estimated at \$8.5 billion. Equity markets were difficult for managers of

all pooled investments, the Investment Funds Institute of Canada said.

REUTERS

Wireless players prepare for fight

The country's Big Three wireless providers — Rogers, Bell and Telus — are moving in the direction of cheaper cellphone plans and more billing transparency as the prospect of more wireless competition in markets across Canada mounts.

With start-ups making noise about chasing the low-end of the market with flat-rate plans and easier-to-understand monthly bills, Rogers' youth-oriented Fido brand became the latest wireless provider to re-tool its approach by revealing a brand makeover yesterday that promises "high-value low-price plans."

The move follows rival Telus Corp.'s creation of discount brand Koodo.

Sylvain Roy, Fido's sen-

ior vice president and general manager, said the decision to "reposition" the dog-themed brand from one that focused on attracting young urban professionals to one that targets price conscious first-time buyers was in recognition of a shifting wireless landscape.

In particular, Roy said Fido is now aiming to attract the roughly 35 per cent of Canadians that do not yet own a cellphone, a relatively large market that several prospective new players have also identified as ripe for the picking.

Bell Canada unveiled a new plan this week that allows subscribers to "rollover" their unused minutes every month, touting it as the first in Canada. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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MLB St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter underwent surgery yesterday on his right elbow. The procedure included decompression and transposition of the ulnar nerve, and was performed by Cardinals team physician Dr. George Paletta. St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols had the same operation done on Oct. 13. The surgery is not expected to interfere with the physical rehabilitation of his ailing shoulder, which forced an end to his 2008 season. Carpenter was forced to stop pitching in September after just four appearances because of persistent shoulder weakness. He had strained his right triceps in early August, which sent Carpenter to the disabled list.

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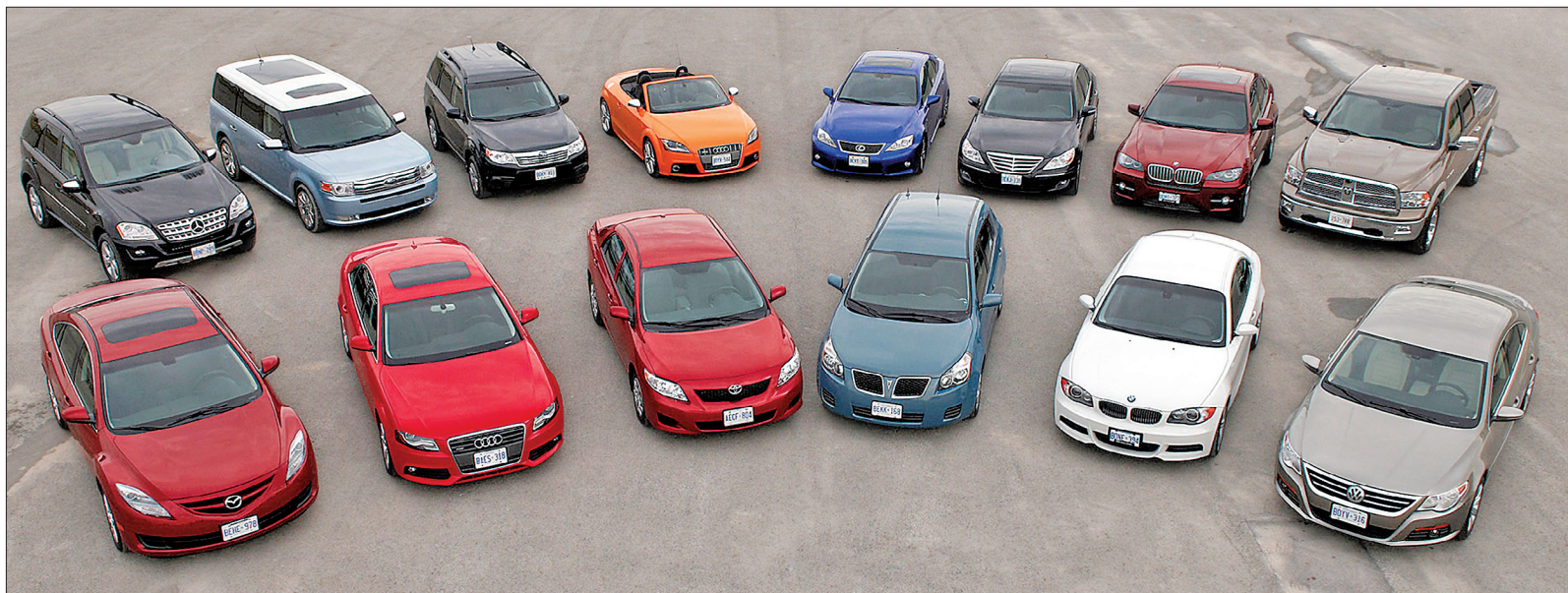
After five days of intense testing, the 2009 "Best New" AJAC award winners in 14 different vehicle categories were announced, by the Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC).

The purpose of the AJAC awards is to provide consumers with a valuable resource that comprises comparative information on vehicles that are new to the market.

Are consumers listening? It would appear so.

Maritz Research, on behalf of AJAC and in association with General Motors of Canada Ltd., conducted a survey of 2008 Buick Enclave purchasers to test their recognition of AJAC, the AJAC awards and the Buick Enclave as the winner of the Best New SUV Over \$60,000 award for 2008.

Seventy four per cent of the 2008 Buick Enclave buyers who were aware of the AJAC Awards program when they purchased their vehicles knew that the Enclave was voted Best New SUV Over \$60,000, a record



The winners of the 14 categories of the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Canadian Car of the Year (CCOTY) category winners have been announced. They are, back row from left: Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTec, Ford Flex, Subaru Forester, Audi TTS, Lexus IS-F, Hyundai Genesis, BMW X6 (later declared out-pointed by co-winners Mercedes CL550 4Matic, Mercedes SL63 AMG) and Dodge Ram. Front row from left: Mazda6, Audi A4, Toyota Corolla, Pontiac Vibe, BMW 135i Coupe and Volkswagen Passat CC.

high-point for awareness. And of those buyers, 41 per cent said the award had a positive influence on their buying decision.

That is a concrete measure of how influential the AJAC Canadian Car of the Year Awards have become.

For that reason, the vote results that determined the winners are available on the AJAC website www.ajac.ca,

for use by consumers as a resource buying guide when researching the purchase of a new car, truck, SUV, or CUV for 2009.

2009 CATEGORY WINNERS

BEST NEW SMALL CAR
(under \$18k): Toyota Corolla
(over \$18k): Pontiac Vibe
BEST NEW FAMILY CAR
(\$22k-\$30k): Mazda6

(over \$30k): Volkswagen Passat CC

BEST NEW LUXURY CAR
(under \$50k): Hyundai Genesis
(over \$50k): Audi A4
BEST NEW PRESTIGE CAR
Mercedes CL 550 and Mercedes SL 63 AMG (tie)
BEST NEW SPORTS/PERFORMANCE CAR
(under \$50k): BMW 135i Coupe
(over \$50k): Lexus IS F

BEST NEW CONVERTIBLE
Audi TTS

BEST NEW PICKUP TRUCK
Dodge Ram

BEST NEW SUV/CUV
(under \$35k): Subaru Forester
(\$35k-\$60k): Ford Flex
(over \$60k): Mercedes-Benz M-Class BlueTEC

The 14 category winners listed above now go on to compete for the honour of

being either the 2009 Canadian Car of the Year or the 2009 Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

These overall winners will be announced on February 11, 2009, at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

The 2009 Best New Design and Best New Technology winners will also be declared at that time.

Land speed record challenged, year by year

ATTEMPT Twelve years since Andy Green OBE and Thrust SSC scythed through the sound barrier on their way to the current world land speed record of 763.053 mph, Green and former record-holder, Richard Noble OBE, are preparing to write the latest chapter in the history of world land speed record attempts, with a 1,000 mph bid.

As much an engineering adventure as the ultimate speed record challenge, the four-year Bloodhound Project is designed to re-ignite interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics amongst the youth, and raise the numbers enter-

ing technology careers.

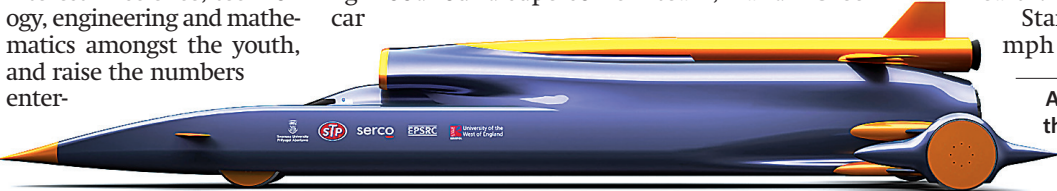
An exotic combination of jet, rocket and piston-engined power is employed in the 12.8m, 6,400-kg Bloodhound supersonic car

(SSC) in the quest for the ultimate goal. With Noble, former land speed record holder and team boss from 12 years ago, fronting the team, and Green

once more in the driving seat, the team has all the credentials to tackle arguably the greatest motorsporting challenge on earth.

Starting with an 800 mph bid in 2009, the car

An artist's impression of the car being built to set the world land speed record at 1,000 mph.



Probable venue

• The venue for the record runs is yet to be confirmed, but Black Rock Desert, Nev., the scene of Green's record with Thrust SSC, is under consideration. More information at www.bloodhoundssc.com and www.stp.eu

will be continuously developed, with a 900 mph run in 2010 and the ultimate goal of 1,000mph will be aimed for in 2011.



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The SX4 sedan and hatchback are already hot sellers here for Suzuki, but the addition of a diesel could not come at a better time. Looking at the cost of fuel, they are, on average, 30 per cent more fuel efficient than gasoline.

The diesel in the SX4 already meets Europe's tough emissions laws that see it emitting 139 grams of CO2 per kilogram which is very close to the "magic" 99-g/km mark.

With low sulphur diesel fuel now available in Canada, the car would probably qualify as a "clean diesel" in Canada.

Suzuki brought in a pair of the cars for evaluation and surprised Canadian auto journalists at the launch of the 2009 Grand Vitara by making them available for test drives.

Suzuki builds the car in Hungary for the European market. It has a turbo-charged, common rail direct injection 1.6-litre, four-valve, four-cylinder engine producing 88.5 hp and a solid 158.6



The European-built Suzuki SX4 diesel looks identical to the Canadian specification SX4 hatchback except for the small "DDiS" badge on the front fenders.

lb/ft of torque that is fully available at just 1,750 rpm. There is also a 1.9-litre turbo diesel available.

Fuel consumption for the 1.6-litre is listed at 6.4/4.6/5.3L/100 km city/highway/combined.

While driving on a combination of highway and back roads near Huntsville, Ont., the handy instant fuel readout at the

top of the centre stack was showing 5.4L/100 km.

Turn the car on and it fires up immediately and settles into a diesel engine rattle that anyone who has been to Europe will be familiar with. As you accelerate, the rattle changes tone to a louder, more urgent clatter as the revs rise.

It's not fast, but it's not pokey either with a 0-100

km/h time of 12.2 seconds.

In fact, the only thing holding it back is the longer time it takes to build revs in a diesel but this is helped a lot by the turbo. As it is, the top speed is 175 km/h which is fast in anyone's books.

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The best of the Bond locations

Sir Roger Moore dishes on his favourite 007 filming sites

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

James Bond movies are always set in exotic locations, from Jamaica through to outer space. To celebrate the release of the new 007 film, *Quantum of Solace*, we caught up with veteran Bond, Sir Roger Moore, to find out more about the destinations where he filmed his exciting adventures and rakish love scenes.

Q Which Bond movie had the best range of locations through the shooting?

A The Spy Who Loved Me — I loved Corsica, and of course the Bahamas!

Q Which is your single favourite Bond location, and why?

A It has to be Corsica. It's such a beautiful island with terrific hotels and the most gorgeous sea food. In a word, it's idyllic.

Q Did you ever have time out to explore



The port of Bonifacio on Corsica, which was Sir Roger Moore's favourite Bond filming location — though he also liked the Bahamas.

the locations you filmed in?

A Not really. We were usually on pretty tight schedules and would arrive one afternoon, check in to our hotel and start shooting the next morning. I only really got to see the areas we were filming in, as there was no such thing as a day off for Jimmy Bond.

Q Which location had the best food?

A Corsica.

Q Which location had the best nightlife?

A Well, all I ever did was fall into bed after a quick drink

with the stunt boys. I never got to see any nightlife as I usually had a 5 a.m. start.

Q Did you ever return to have a holiday in one of the Bond locations?

A I've been back to many of the countries, though usually with UNICEF. I tend to spend my holidays at

home as I travel so much.

Q Do you have a favourite hotel?

A Oh goodness, I've stayed in many wonderful hotels. It would be difficult to single any one out, though whenever I can I do stay at the Sheratons as they have a terrific standard of excel-

lence throughout the world — wonderful rooms, comfy beds, room service that knows how to boil a three-minute egg and of course they have Checkout For Children where every guest donates £1 per stay to UNICEF. A great fundraiser!

Q What is your all-time favourite holiday destination?

A I have to say home, in Monaco. To relax with my family, and maybe take a boat around the coast to Villefranche for lunch is as good as it gets.

Q What is your idea of a dream holiday?

A I don't have one. I've travelled so much that all I long for now is home. I've lost count of the number of planes I've been on in my lifetime, certainly this year alone it must be 50 or more. Flying used to be fun, but now I can't help but feel some of that appeal has been lost. I much prefer the train if it's possible.

Down on the farm — in the Central American jungle

Deep in the jungles of Central America, where jaguars, crocodiles and Howler monkeys are king, visitors may spot something out of the ordinary. Women in bonnets, suited up in wooly winter frocks; men dressed in overalls and straw Cowboy hats; children riding stone-faced in horse-drawn buggies.

A Mennonite settlement in the heart of the jungles of Belize may seem like a hallucination brought on by the intense humidity and hypnotizing buzz of cicadas. But this is no illusion. Amidst Mayan ruins overgrown by moss, there are some 5000 Mennonites living in this, small central American country, bordering Mexico and Guatemala.

Mennonites, I learned, are a Protestant religious sect, first formed in the

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Netherlands in the 16th century.

While there are 1 million worldwide, many have settled throughout Belize, among the towns of Orange Walk, Shipyard and Indian Creek. Belize's government welcomed them and praised their farming expertise, which accounts for much of the country's produce. They live a simple, ultra-conservative life in closed, farming communities.

Tourists staying at the Lamanai Outpost Lodge, an eco-resort that offers a jungle expeditions to nearby ruins, may arrange a visit



Abe is keen to show tourists the life of a Belizean Mennonite.

to a Mennonite community.

From the air-conditioned comfort of the 4 X 4 Land Rover, I travelled a few kilometres to Indian Creek, home to some 1,400 Mennonites. From the back of the car, I watched the landscape change from lush jungle of tangled vines, to vast, (clear-cut) pastoral farmlands.

White farm houses dotted the countryside, laundry meticulously hung on front yard clotheslines, angelic children in flower-print dresses run through fields. The Land Rover stopped abruptly in front of a horse and buggy. I scrambled out of the car to meet Abe, a respected member of the Mennonite community who agreed to

show me around.

Wearing blue overalls, a crisp marine blue shirt, droplets of sweat gathering on his upper lip, Abe shook my hand with a firm paw. Though many residents shy away from outsiders, Abe is keen to show people around.

He explained that Mennonites here refuse to use modern technology. No television, no cellphones, no electricity, no cars. No music or dancing allowed. Abe told me that the reasoning

behind it is to create a strong family unit, without the distractions or temptations of modernity.

A horse and buggy packed with cloaked women sped along the unpaved road. Air thick with moisture, my back dripping with sweat, I couldn't imagine what it must be like to wear such heavy layers of petticoats and dresses everyday.

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Theron settles suit over watch

PEOPLE Charlize Theron has settled a \$20-million US lawsuit with the luxury watchmaker that accused her of breach of contract, imdb.com reports.

Bosses at Swiss company Raymond Weil claimed they paid Theron the sum to wear its watches exclusively between October 2005 and December 2006.

According to court documents, Theron broke their agreement when she "was photographed wearing a watch from the Christian Dior line" in Texas in 2006.

Carson lawyer spills in new book

TV Talk-show legend Johnny Carson has been laid bare by his longtime lawyer in a new tell-all book, dubbing him a "great star" but a "miserable human being," imdb.com reports.

Henry Bushkin spills details of the former Tonight Show host's alleged extramarital affairs, struggle with depression and family turmoil in the new tome, reports the New York Post.

In brief

ACCIDENT The death of a stunt technician on the set of the latest Batman film was an accident, BBC News Online reports a jury as having decided.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Appeal of a super spy

Men from all walks of life identify with James Bond character

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada

I was shooting a wedding when I saw him — the 10-year-old nephew of the bride, strutting and preening in his first rented tuxedo. He was going through a James Bond phase, his father and uncles explained, both amused and a little proud, no doubt remembering the first time they had let themselves become obsessed with Ian Fleming's secret agent.

For several weeks now, I've been researching a Becoming James Bond series for Metro, and without exception, every man I've spoken to along the way, from luxury car salesmen to caviar importers to haberdashers to wine and spirits experts, has proved to be a James Bond expert in their own right, able to quote lines from the books and scenes from the movies with obvious familiarity.

Few men are as willing to take their Bond obsession as far as Michael Newitt, a 41-year-old who



Daniel Craig, left, and Gemma Arterton in a scene from the new James Bond film, Quantum of Solace.

was arrested in England last month for posing as a secret agent to keep ahead of creditors. According to a story in the U.K.'s Guardian newspaper, Newitt had fooled several local police officers and even his own wife with his story of being "a special operations commander with MI5, the Foreign Office and counter-terrorism units," and would sleep with a replica gun beside

his bed and suddenly disappear on "missions."

He'd even awarded himself the rank of Commander, and had obtained impressive fake I.D. that gave him the title CMG — "a high-ranking award fictitiously presented to James Bond in the story From Russia with Love."

The magic of Bond is that his appeal is multi-fold, and changes to suit every stage of a man's life.

For the pre-teen boy, Bond is a more plausible superhero for a time when men in capes and tights are starting to seem a bit ludicrous, even undignified. For the teenager, he's enviably adult without being dull, suggesting a possibility of life without tedious routine.

For the man in his twenties, all too aware of how routine and responsibility are closing in on him,

Bond is a rebel who gets applauded for breaking the rules, enjoying the perquisites of adulthood — risk, reward, luxury and apparently guiltless sex — without obligations to prudence or fidelity.

For men in their 30s and 40s, he's the consummate professional, esteemed and disciplined, with an apparently perpetual free pass exempting him from midlife crisis. Finally, for older men, Bond is a reminder of a time when they could draw from both youth and experience, a totem of virility that gets renewed every few years onscreen by a new man clearly in his prime.

Women would probably do well to watch a few Bond films when getting to know a man, if only to give them something to talk about.

And while most men aren't as delusional as "Commander" Newitt, they'd like to imagine that they are, somewhere, half as capable and suave as Bond. If women are as nurturing as we presume, they'll let us cling to this lonely, forlorn hope.

Bernie Mac brings warmth to Madagascar sequel

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

When moviegoers check out the animated sequel Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, they will not only be reuniting with the beloved quartet of lost zoo animals, they will meet Alex the lion's long lost father and be treated to a special vocal performance by one of comedy's most gifted craftsmen.

"It was very difficult casting the character of Alex's father because we knew that the character would be judgmental and have high expectations and we didn't want to do the Great Santini," explained co-director Tom McGrath during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "We needed someone who would bring

the warmth to it."

McGrath and company looked no farther than Bernie Mac — the acclaimed comic-actor who sadly passed away from pneumonia in August at age 50. This Friday, the late actor will be honoured with two theatrical releases — the other being Soul Men with Samuel L. Jackson.

"The greatest part of that loss is that you had a person that was just honest and he walked the walk and talked the talk," says Madagascar co-star Cedric the Entertainer, who describes Mac as his "comic mentor."

"He was funny and great at doing it so that's going to be the biggest loss right there."

"I knew Bernie Mac twenty years," adds Chris



Bernie Mac

Rock, who met his Madagascar co-star struggling as a young comedian. Having begun his career telling jokes for change in the Chicago subway, Mac eventually hosted his own respected weekly comedy

show at the Regal Theatre.

"He was always the ambassador of Chicago, like the best guy. It's sad that he's not here (doing interviews) today; it's just sad because he'd be the funniest guy here," said Rock.

Indeed, Mac is one of the most hilarious aspects of the new Madagascar comedy, but he also provides a surprisingly touching vocal performance, one that perhaps exemplifies the man's true spirit of life.

Sherri Shepherd, who voices Mac's lioness wife in the movie, might best sum up Mac's personal legacy. She recalls a wildly funny man with a consideration beyond expectation. Having previously

worked with him, she remembers Mac voluntarily spending an hour entertaining bored extras at 3 a.m. on the set of his 2005 film Guess Who?

"That is the Bernie Mac that I remember and I was so honoured to have worked with him," she said.

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Allen faces legal action

Actor Tim Allen is facing legal action over his 2007 movie *Wild Hogs*. A Florida-based production company is accusing him of stealing their idea.

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A fashion forward election?

The best and worst style moments of the U.S. presidential race

KENYA HUNT
for Metro World News



While the world of politics is hardly known for forward fashion, the American election has sparked more sartorial debate than most. We take a look back at and rate some of the more fashionably charged moments of the U.S. presidential race. (Style meter: on a scale of 0 = fashion reject, to 5 = sartorial whiz).

Designers unite under one party

Influence: 3
Appearance: 5
Cool factor: 5

The election elicited unprecedented voter interest. The race elicited an unprecedented show of support from the fashion world. Whether it was Vogue editor Andre Leon Talley campaigning for Barack



GETTY IMAGES

Singer Alicia Keys shows her Obama support with a fitted tee.

Obama in Chicago, model Jacquetta Wheeler canvassing for the Democrats in Pennsylvania or Cynthia Rowley and Charlotte Ronson hosting a fundraiser in New York, the blue candidate had no shortage of support from the fashion industry. Recognizing the beginning of a trend, Team Obama established "Runway to Change," a fundraising program in which designers such as Vera

Wang, Derek Lam, Marc Jacobs, and Diane von Furstenberg and celebrities such as Pharrell Williams, Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles created graphic T-shirts, handbags and other accessories.

J. Crew becomes the credit crunch go-to

Influence: 5
Appearance: 3
Cool factor: 4

Michelle Obama exercised an Oprah Winfrey-like influence over American housewives when she revealed to Jay Leno that she was wearing J. Crew during her appearance on his late night show. "You can get some good stuff online," she said days after news of Palin's wardrobe-gate surfaced. J. Crew's online traffic increased a whopping 464 per cent, as shoppers



Gov. Sarah Palin helped eyeglasses make a comeback.

searched for the \$90 cardigan, \$100 tank and \$148 skirt. Google even created a special ad linking Internet surfers to "Michelle Obama's Tonight Show skirt."

Eyeglass mania

Influence: 5
Appearance: 4
Cool factor: 3

Eyewear was already having a comeback in indie land, popping up on scruffy faced, American Apparel-clad hipsters. But Sarah Palin made eyeglasses cool to the mainstream public. After John McCain's camp introduced the Alaska governor as his running mate, her rimless Kazuo Kawasaki

frames became the presidential race's biggest fashion statement (to date). Eyeglass sales at optical retailers went through the roof. And the American network ABC News declared the accessory the new pantsuit.

Expensive wardrobe-gate

Influence: 5
Appearance: 1
Cool factor: 0

When the website Politico.com revealed that the Republican National Committee spent \$150,000 of taxpayer money at luxury emporiums such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue for Palin's campaign wardrobe, the world balked.

Surfers plead innocent in paparazzi brawl

LOS ANGELES

Two surfers pleaded innocent Monday to charges they attacked a



McConaughey

paparazzo taking pictures of actor Matthew McConaughey on a beach.

Philip Hildebrand, 30, and Skylar Peak, 24, are charged with misdemeanor battery for a June 21 clash that pitted surfers against paparazzi in Malibu, Calif.

The two surfers are accused of attacking Richid Altmbareckouhammou, a photographer who was among a group of paparazzi on the beach to shoot candid photos of McConaughey as he surfed.

REUTERS



The Canadian delegation at the Games of La Francophonie is made up of three distinct teams: Canada, Canada-Quebec and Canada-New Brunswick. Professional artists under 35 years of age as of September 27, 2009, have a Canadian citizenship and are interested in representing **Team Canada** in the cultural competitions, should register now.

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A Los Angeles judge has issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Emily Leatherman, the woman who last month pleaded no contest to stalking actor John Cusack, after she allegedly violated a protection order. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

School Musical 3 gets singalong

MOVIES Fans have barely had the time to learn the words, but Disney this Friday is launching a singalong version of its High School Musical 3: Senior Year hit movie.

After just two weeks at the top of U.S. box offices, the singalong version will be rolled out on Friday at 125 movie theatres in major U.S. cities.

REUTERS

In brief

ART An original drawing of A.A. Milne's popular children's characters Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger and Piglet fetched \$50,000 US at a Bonhams auction in London yesterday.

MUSIC Punk veterans Social Distortion and metal legends Motorhead will headline a North American travelling festival created by popular tattoo artist and cable TV personality Kat Von D. An official itinerary is still in the works for the 25-city Musink Tattoo and Music Festival, but it begins Jan. 30 in San Francisco and is expected to wrap March 15 in Los Angeles. Additional acts will be announced in the coming weeks.

REUTERS

From restaurant to rock

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada



Ever had a job you just hated? Where you were always looking over your shoulder, wondering if the boss was watching. Where everything focused around punching out, grabbing your cheque and cutting loose?

For Max Kerman, lead vocalist of the Arkells, that job was waiting tables at an Italian restaurant on the outskirts of Hamilton, Ont.

If things go right for this new indie band from the Steel City, you may be hearing a lot about Kerman's job experiences on the radio. The first single off the Arkells' debut CD, Jackson Square, is called Oh, the Boss Is Coming, and it's about Kerman's brief career as a waiter.

"The lyrics don't really need any more explaining," Kerman said during a recent break in the band's national tour with Matt Mays & El Torpedo. "The words are pretty straight-



Jackson Square, the Arkells' new album, is now in stores.

forward."

It's that kind of open honesty that makes the songs of the Arkells so accessible. They play gritty guitar rock high on intensity and low on pretension.

None of the five members of the Arkells are from Hamilton originally. They met there, however, while attending McMaster University and began performing on the vibrant Hamilton club scene as Charlemagne. The name was changed to the Arkells

when they realized how many other bands around the world also called themselves Charlemagne.

The band members all share a love for the old Motown sound and felt the name, Arkells, referenced those old girl bands like the Supremes and the Shirelles. Arkell was also the name of the west Hamilton street on which Kerman shared a house with bandmate and fellow guitarist Mike Deangelis during their time at Mac.

The band was picked up by Dine Alone Records, the hugely successful indie label that pushed Alexisonfire and City and Colour to platinum heights (Arkells keyboardist Dan Griffin also plays sideman to City and Colour's Dallas Green). An EP was released earlier this year, and Jackson Square was officially released last week across the country.

Over the past four years, the Arkells have established deep roots in the city. Jackson Square is named after a mall in downtown Hamilton that has seen better days.

"I think it's a pretty inspiring place," says Kerman, who grew up in downtown Toronto. "Jackson Square gets ragged on a lot but it's a really cool place. Everyone in the band has a story about Jackson Square."

Besides Oh, the Boss Is Coming, Jackson Square is loaded with pop-rockers like John Lennon, No Champagne Socialist, Ballad of Hugo Chavez and Abigail.

24 returns for Season 7 in January

TV Fox will premiere the first new regular episode of 24 in nearly two years on Jan. 11, the network said.

The seventh season of the real-time thriller will kick off with a two-hour episode, followed by another two-hour segment the next night. Fox used a similar roll-out plan for 2007's sixth season premiere in January 2007.

Day Seven opens with the Counter Terrorism Unit dismantled and federal agent Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) on trial. Bauer's day takes an unexpected turn when former colleague Tony Almeida (Carlos Bernard) returns after being presumed dead.

A two-hour prequel movie 24: Redemption will give viewers a head start on the season when it airs on Nov. 23. The movie will feature Jon Voight, making his first series role in 40 years as Bauer's latest uber-nemesis.

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Elegantly simple success

SIMPLE SIMON: No one apparently finds Simon Cowell as fascinating as Simon Cowell, but a close second would be his fellow Brits, who regularly publish long, lavishly-illustrated interviews such as the one that ran this weekend in the U.K. Daily Mail tabloid.

On this side of the Atlantic he's famous, and gets the recommended quota of press due to anyone truly successful, but he isn't taken nearly as seriously, probably because he's a) apparently just some guy who tells people they suck on a singing contest, or at least that's what he looks like to most Canadians and Americans, and b) English, and therefore over here just to give us an example of how to be really blunt, even rude, but still sound remarkably erudite in the process (see Ramsay, Gordon; Osbourne, Sharon; Morgan, Piers.)

(And yes, I'm trying my level best not to say anything about the U.S. presidential election, writing this as I am on the day the country is going to the

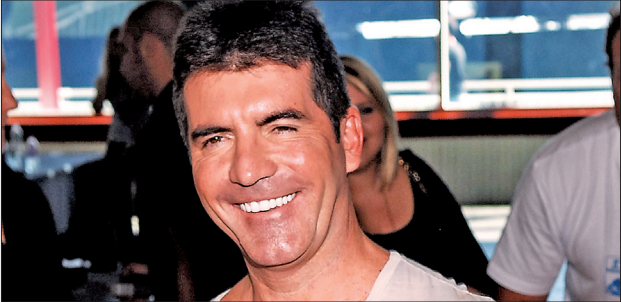
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polls. I've had enough, and would love to avoid the topic for as long as the candidates have been on the campaign trail, which seems like a couple of years by now.)

"On the surface, it's very hard to take the man seriously," the Mail writes, doing their best to mimic bewilderment. "Like a latter-day Peter Stringfellow or Tony Curtis, he happily admits he never went to university, prefers the tabloids to the broadsheets and would rather have a night out with a Page Three girl than a media dinner at The Ivy." Translated from British to English, that means he's a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite, but that probably accounts for why Cowell, a character of no



Simon Cowell is a common sort of man, and a lightweight by the standards of the journalistic elite.

real pronounced tastes except for flash cars, has become rich anticipating the tastes of the broadest number of people, and not the smallest, despite their risible claims to tastemaker status. He's made his fortune twice over in music, but never listens to it in his spare time. "I wish I could have signed the Beatles," he told the Mail, "but not for the music. I wish I'd signed them for the royalties."

Friend and boy band manager Louis Walsh despairs that Cowell has never turned on the fully-loaded iPod he bought him as a present, but I'd venture that taste and enthusi-

asm would be a liability when you're trying to mine and manufacture the sort of music that more than half the population will not only tolerate but purchase. You can't argue with success, but in Cowell's case, you can pretend to be confounded by it, in spite of the elegantly simple logic that made it possible.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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In brief

SHOW Fox's cancelled veteran animated series King of the Hill could reign again at ABC. Sources said the network is

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critics'corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie

They want him to do what? In this new episode, Yasir (Carlo Rota) is interested in making some more business contacts, so he joins a local men's lodge. Unfortunately for him, these guys have some interests he doesn't share, and he's expected to participate. Up first is a hunting trip — so not his thing. Sheila McCarthy and Sitara Hewitt also star in "Let Prairie Dogs Lie." 8 PM on CBXT



The New Adventures of Old Christine

Doesn't everyone bring his or her ex along on a date? In this new episode, Christine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) invites Richard (Clark Gregg) along when she goes out to dinner with her new beau, Patrick (guest star Tim DeKay). Hmmm, maybe she wants to show Richard how much better she can do? Hamish Linklater and Emily Rutherford also star in "So You Think You Can Date." 9 PM on KREM



Actor Connolly goes behind camera
Entourage star and budding director Kevin Connolly has signed on to direct a music video for the Game and Ne-Yo for the song Camera Phone.
PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Winslet shoots down airbrushing rumour

IMAGE Actress Kate Winslet has denied she resorted to airbrushing to sweep away excess pounds for a sexy new photoshoot, imdb.com reports.

Winslet posed for a Catherine Deneuve-inspired shoot for Vanity Fair magazine on a couch, wearing nothing but stockings, high heels and a fur throw.

Winslet's figure has drawn accusations that the pictures were digitally altered to remove her famous curves. But a spokesman for the star is adamant that the photos are genuine, attributing

Winslet's new look to her healthy regime.

"There's been absolutely no airbrushing at all. All she has had is the standard retouching they do on any photoshoot, adjusting skin tone and so on. I know she is thrilled with the photos. She's in very good shape at the moment," the representative tells British newspaper the Independent.

Winslet slammed editors at British GQ magazine in 2003 for airbrushing her figure, accusing them of making her look like she was "six feet tall and a size 2."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS



Carrie soothes Simpson's fears

RELATIONSHIPS Carrie Underwood has a message for fellow singer Jessica Simpson: She and ex Tony Romo have not spoken in months, People.com reports.

"I haven't talked to him since, like, May," Underwood, 25, tells *Elle* in its December issue.

"It was just something that was said in passing," the country singer says, referring to an interview in which she said Romo still called her. "I would never mean to say anything to hurt any-

body or to stir up anything because I'm just not about drama — at all."

As for reports that Simpson was upset by the claims, Underwood says, "I might be mad too if somebody said my boyfriend was calling some other girl. So I can definitely see where (she) would be coming from."

Asked about her current dating life, Underwood emphatically shot down rumours that she dated Olympian Michael Phelps.

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Jada fought for her hippo's life

ROLE Actress Jada Pinkett Smith only agreed to voice a hippo in the new Madagascar movie when filmmakers reportedly promised her character wouldn't die, imdb.com reports. Pinkett Smith leaped at the chance to play seductive hippo Gloria in Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa when she found out she wouldn't be killed off before the credits rolled.

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Bachelorette calls off engagement

ENGAGEMENT The wedding is off. The Bachelorette stars DeAnna Pappas and Jesse Csincsak have ended their relationship, Csincsak says on the couple's website, People.com reports.

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celebrity brief

Kidman says birth was actually easy

FAMILY Actress Nicole Kidman was terrified of giving birth to her daughter Sunday, but was pleasantly surprised to find the experience "easy," imdb.com reports.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill



Joe's take on celebrities

There's good news if your doctor has told you to get more eyeball exercise. That vast repository of lies and Botox, **Nicole Kidman**, continues to challenge **Angelina Jolie** as the celebrity most likely to say things that make them roll. In fact, there is a rumour in Hollywood that every time someone tells a lie, **Nicole Kidman** gets a royalty.

Kidman says she was expecting childbirth to be a 40-hour ordeal, or roughly half the length of what The Golden Compass felt like to watch, but since she had her hubby, the ironically named country singer **Keith Urban**, as her 'rock,' and since he has a magical ability to endow her with strength using only his eyes, it was nothing. Given that **Kidman** was once married to **Tom Cruise**, I don't question her ability to gauge pain, and looking at pictures of her forehead, I think she is an excellent judge of rocks, but where this story falls down for me is the idea that she would even consider enduring pain greater than that entailed in an eyebrow tweeze, unless there was an Oscar nomination in it for her.

The truth is probably that the child was born by C-section while **Nicole** was under full anesthetic, lying on a bed of liquid honey.

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celebrity brief

Victoria snubs Mel B's invite

VOWS Victoria Beckham has reportedly snubbed an invitation to fellow former Spice Girl Mel Brown's wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Brown is renewing her vows with her film producer husband Stephen Belafonte in a four-day ceremony in Egypt this week.

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celebrity brief

Men use me for fame, Paris says

RELATIONSHIPS "Every other guy I've been out with has used me for money or sex — but in most cases they just want fame. It made it hard to trust people." That's Paris Hilton, talking to Britain's News of the World as she promotes the U.K. version of her BFF series, *MSN Entertainment* reports.

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Ex may want Jen back

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston's ex-fiancé Tate Donovan has been phoning the actress to tell her she was the "love of his life," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who recently rekindled her relationship with singer John Mayer, is said to be considering giving her relationship with

Donovan a second chance.

"Jennifer cannot believe it. A few months ago she was single and heartbroken, and now she has got two men professing their love for her," said a source close to Aniston, who split from Donovan in 1995 after three years of dating.

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	4	1				2		
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Crossword across

- 1 Lysol target
5 Rage
8 Dreary
12 Finished
13 Rotation duration
14 Mature
15 Steer
17 Small bit
18 Martini garnish
19 Perceive intuitively
21 Grounded flock
24 Cribbage scorer
25 Related
28 Droops
30 Tray contents
33 Neither partner
34 Dessert there's "always
- room for"
35 Ball prop
36 Melody
37 Gaelic
38 Smile broadly
39 Hockey surface
41 Initial chip
43 "African Queen" star
46 Nixon's veep
50 Verve
51 Bind legally
54 Baptism, e.g.
55 Halloween call
56 Hebrew month
57 Leaves
58 Deviate off course
59 Assessment

Crossword down

- 1 "Kissing disease"
2 Ellipse
3 Jeans-maker Strauss
4 Compelled
5 Mrs. McKinley
6 Snitch
7 Ogled
8 Somber
9 Battle in court
10 "Once — a time ..."
11 Fast-spreading concept
16 Jewel
20 Facto preceder
22 Addict
23 Tortilla topping
25 Literary collection
26 Japanese pond carp
27 Water
- 29 Secluded valley
31 Vast expanse
32 Height of fashion
34 Scoff (at)
38 Panhandler
40 Some Christmas candy
42 Skater Babilonia
43 Titanic's downfall
44 Hodgepodge
45 Sir — Belch, of "Twelfth Night"
47 Zilch, south of the border
48 Coup d'—
49 Existed
52 Feathery neckwear
53 Depressed

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	9	8	4	1	7	2	6	3
7	3	2	6	9	8	4	1	5

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 min.....Scholar

- 17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Penne with sugar snaps and smoked salmon

- INGREDIENTS:**
12 oz (375 g) penne or ziti pas-ta
1 lb (500 g) sugar snap peas, strings removed
1/3 cup (75 mL) snipped fresh dill
3 scallions, thinly sliced
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken broth
3 tbsp (45 mL) reduced-fat sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) unsalted butter
1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest
2 tbsp (25 mL) lemon juice
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
4 oz (125 g) smoked salmon, slivered

METHOD:

1. In large pot of boiling water, cook pasta according to pack-age directions until firm-ten-der. Add sugar snaps to water

- during final 1 minute of cook-ing; drain.
2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine dill, scallions, broth, sour cream, butter, lemon zest, lemon juice and salt. Add hot pasta and sugar snaps, tossing well. Add smoked salmon and toss again.

PER SERVING:

- 450 calories, 7 g fat, 4 g satu-rated fat, 850 mg sodium, 75 g carbohydrate, 21 g protein.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
See a specialist if a head prob-lem persists. Your closest friend knows your deepest feelings. Expect a surprising change in-volving social plans.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You may not appreciate a peak experience. Someone is secre-tly in financial trouble. Use your ability to lead others to greater clarity.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Food bills are getting out of hand. Demand that paperwork be shown to authority figures. A trusted friend decides to let work wait.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Anxiety will affect your love life. A reward seems beyond your reach. Try not to confront a wild and crazy guy.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Sabotage is commented upon. A disheartening discussion causes a critical washout. An acquaintance reconciles unre-lenting combatants.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Harsh things will be said about a superior person. Love takes you on a wild ride. A youth will continue to baffle a sceptic.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone starts a family quar-rel. A secret note will overcome someone's pride. A reality check creates a tripping haz-ard.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There's good and bad news in legal matters. An ambitious co-worker should be taken seri-ously. Don't get caught helping a cruel person.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A moody person will cause you to refuse to take sides. Roman-tic risks will increase late at night. A woman gets back to work.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Premonitions continue throughout day. A friend wants to play with you. A man will have an earth-shaking dream.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid meddling by breathing deeply. Back away from over-whelming emotions. You'll want to withdraw after a zesty encounter.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Indecision fades when you heed sound advice. A higher level of consciousness is found. Playing by the rules eliminates confusion.

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1. "Hold your horses, Aussie chum!" (1)
2. Escargot path (1)
3. Untidy Olympian Owens (2)
4. Oscar-winning Hilary's army levels (1)
5. Toast spread severer (2)
6. O-ring holder, as for Easter eggs (2)
7. Firmly fixed and stable big beer mug (2)

ANSWERS
1. WAIT MATE 2. SNAIL TRAIL 3. MESSY JESSE 4. SWANKY BUNKS
5. BUTTER CUTTER 6. GASNET BASKET 7. ANCHORED TANKARD

This day in history

- NOV. 5, 1743: Coordinated scientific observations of the tran-sit of Mercury were organized by Joseph-Nicolas Delisle.
NOV. 5, 1872: Women's suffrage: In defiance of the law, suffragist Susan B. Anthony votes for the first time, and is lat-er fined \$100.
NOV. 5, 1895: George B. Selden is granted the first U.S. patent for an automobile.
NOV. 5, 1945: Colombia joins the United Nations.
NOV. 5, 1995: André Dallahre attempts to assassinate Jean Chrétien; he is thwarted when the Prime Minister's wife locks the door.

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